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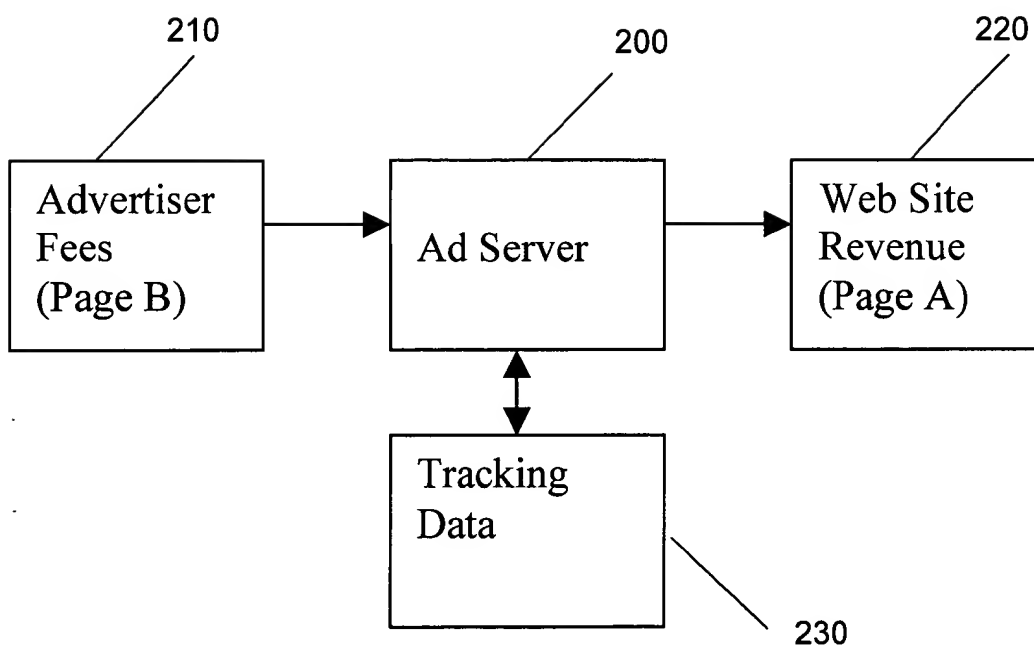


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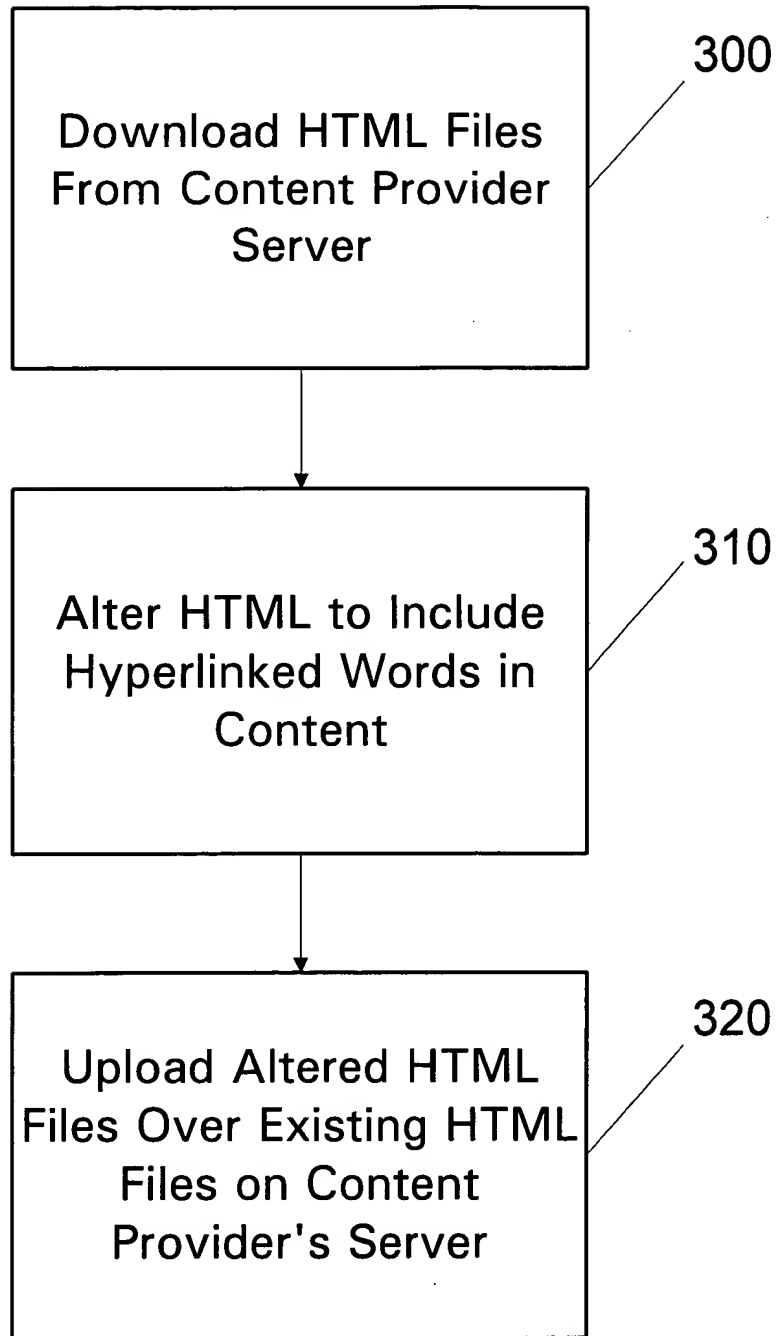


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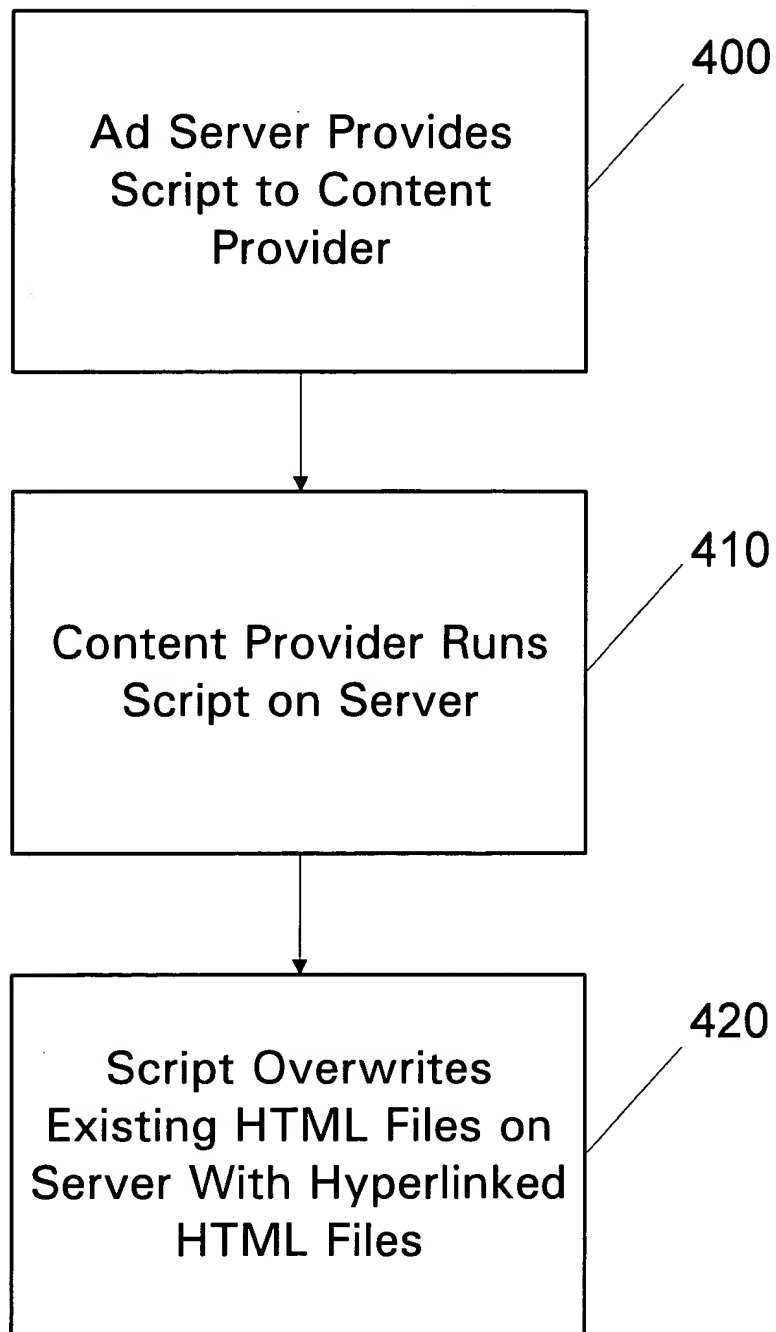


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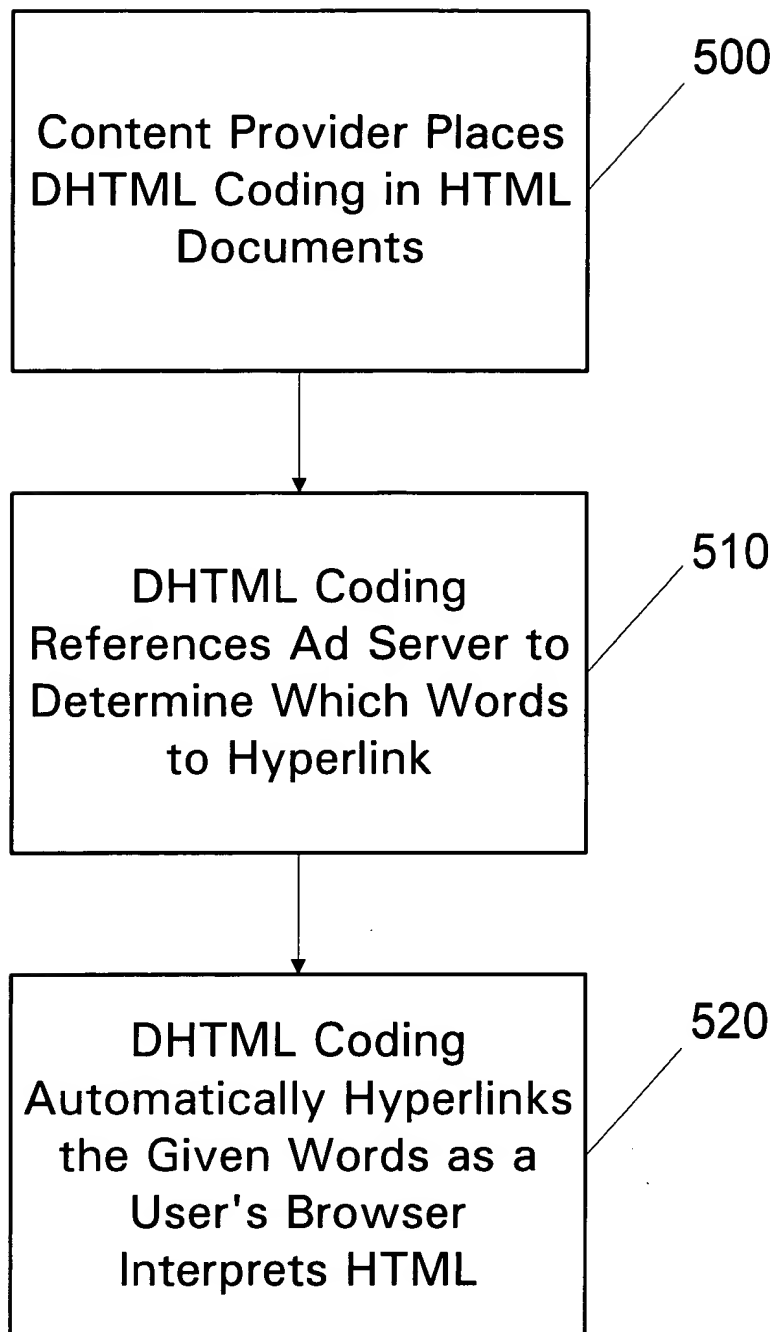


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All four live in the southern port city of Aden, where the two suspected suicide bombers blew up a small boat filled with explosives alongside the Cole as it was refueling on Oct. 12.

The investigation also has revealed that officials in Lahej, a stronghold of the militant Islamic Jihad, provided the suspected bombers with government cars for use in Aden and between Aden and Lahej, 22 miles to the north.

The sources said the suspected bombers knew the officials from their time together fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The officials are believed to belong to a group of Islamic militants formed by veterans of the Afghan war. They are believed to have met several times with the suspected bombers since March, when preparations for the bombing are thought to have started.

According to the sources, the two men took their boat for a test ride in the harbor where the Cole was to dock one month before the bombing. One of the fishermen who helped them take the boat into the water is believed to have been an accomplice, the sources said.

U.S. authorities are pressing Yemeni investigators leading the probe to allow U.S. agents a greater role in the investigation.

A Yemeni official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that expanding the U.S. role in the investigation is being discussed, but that his country's stand remains that the FBI cannot interrogate Yemeni citizens.

There has been no claim of responsibility considered credible in the strike on the Cole. American officials have said Osama bin Laden--America's No. 1 terror suspect, who has pledged to drive the U.S. military out of the Middle East--is a focus of the investigation. The Saudi millionaire, who is living in Afghanistan, is accused of masterminding the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The Cole is being brought home from Yemen aboard a giant Norwegian transport ship on a long route that avoids the Suez Canal. The Cole was expected to arrive in its home port of Norfolk, by about Dec. 10, said Frederik Steenbuch, manager of Oslo-based Offshore Heavy Transport.

FIG. 5A

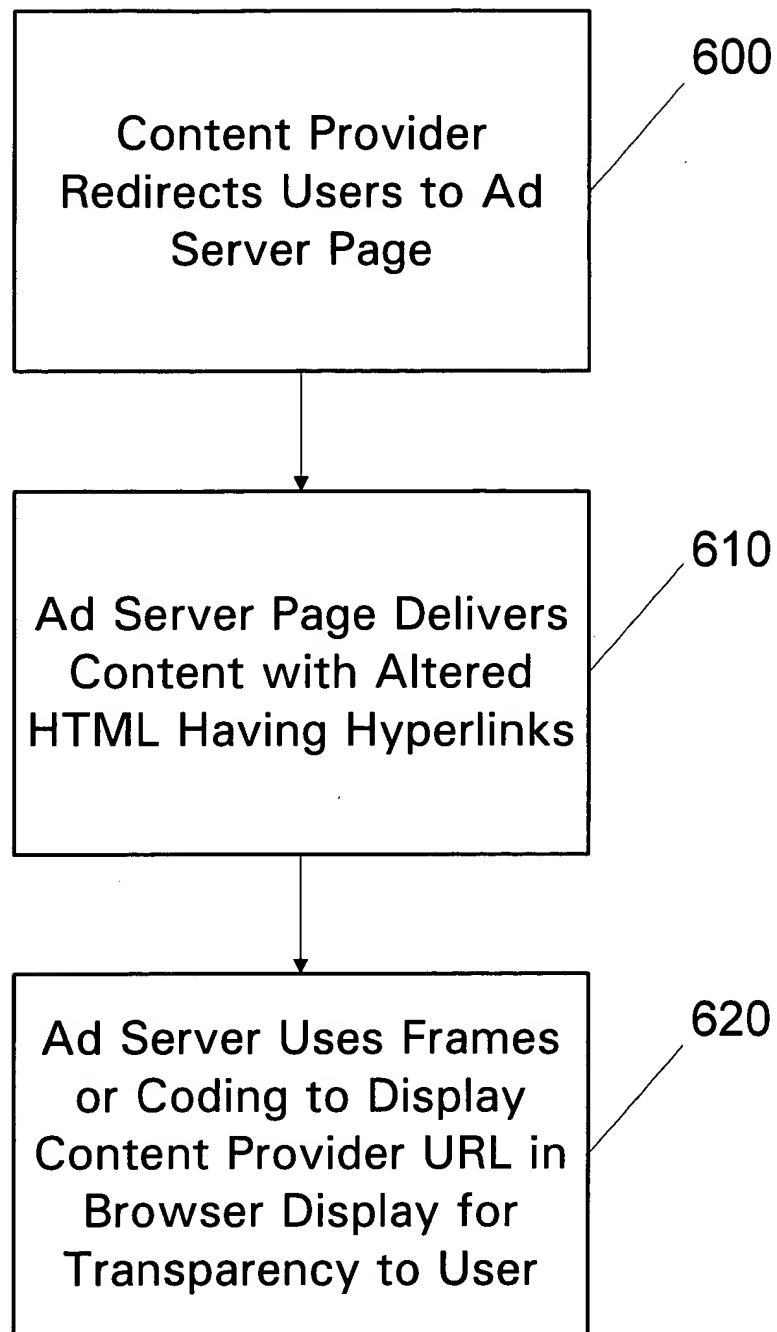


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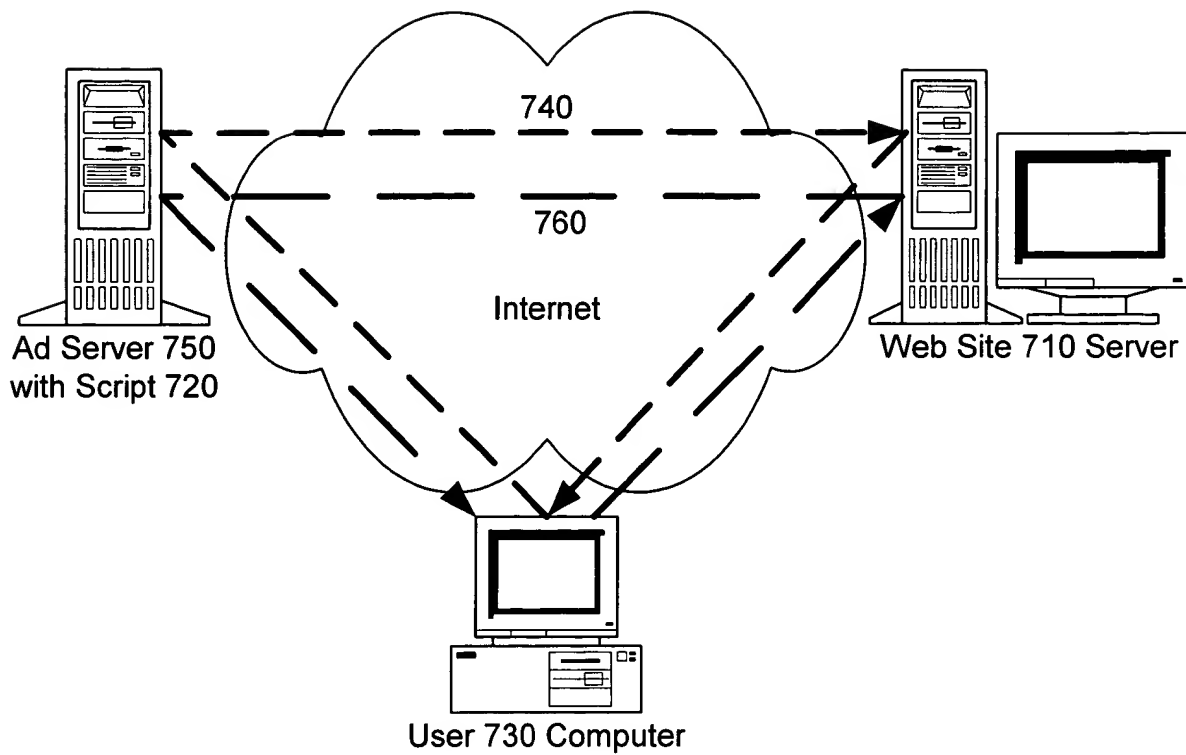


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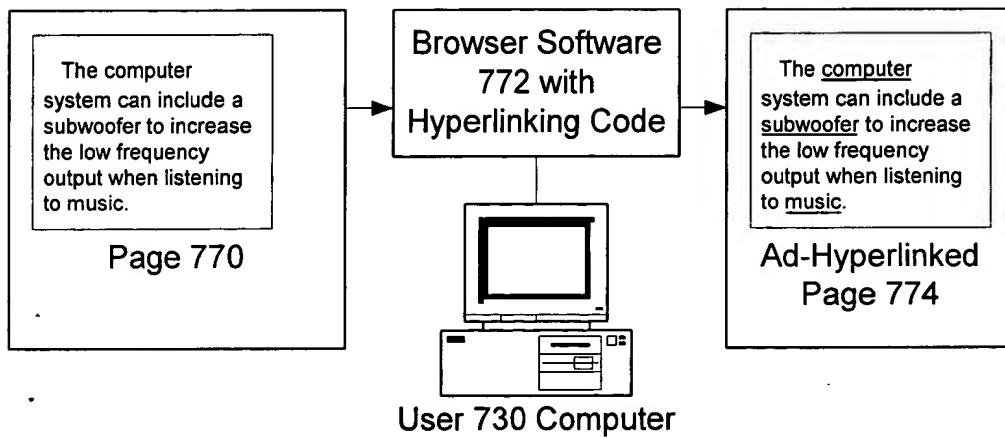


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